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1. Monthly pay rates are set by C.G.M. (General Confederation of Labor). This has been done since 1945, when for the first time so-called collective work contracts were applied. These contracts were imposed after the first predominantly Communist government came into power on 6 March 1945. As factories were still privately owned the wages were raised every two or three months and the race between wages and prices led to a currency devaluation on 15 August 1947.
2. After the monetary reform, the wages and salaries continued to be established by C.G.M. Following nationalization, they were calculated on the basis of amount of work done in a given time by the workers concerned. If a worker can meet his work norm (generally beyond a conscientious worker's capacities), he receives the full amount. If not, he receives less. The common unspecialized worker in State employment receives category C pay, about six thousand lei per month.
3. A skilled worker reaches a maximum of 12,000 lei per month, depending on his training. This is also true of office workers.
4. A technician receives from 12,000 to 18,000 lei which corresponds to the pay of chiefs of service.
5. Directors of factories, directors-general of ministries and equivalent functionaries in the State administration receive from 18,000 to 25,000 lei per month.
6. Members of the PCR (Rumanian Workers Party) and responsible leaders receive representation allowances, travel expenses, bonuses, et cetera, plus salaries up to 150,000 lei per month.
7. The minimum living wage is 20,000 lei per month. For this reason the head of a family cannot maintain his dependents who are therefore forced into employment, often in other cities of Rumania, thus contributing to the disintegration of the family.
8. To show what present wages can purchase, there follows a list of typical prices:

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	<u>Official Price</u>	<u>Black Market Price</u>
1 kilogram of beef	70 lei	150 lei
1 kilogram of milk		40 lei
1 kilogram of butter	380 lei	800 lei
1 kilogram of lard	200 lei	500 lei
1 kilogram of bread	36 lei	120 lei
1 kilogram peanut oil	250 lei	400 lei
1 kilogram corn flour	16 lei	80 lei
1 kilogram potatoes	12 lei	25 lei
1 kilogram sugar	70 lei	200 lei
1 kilogram wheat flour		100 lei
1 ready-made man's suit		40,000 lei
1 ready-made man's shirt		3,500 lei
1 pair mens' low shoes		12,000 lei
To resole shoes		1,500 lei
1 man's overcoat		60,000 lei
1,000 kilogram firewood		2,000 lei
1 third class railroad ticket for 100 km.		620 lei
1 liter gasoline		80 lei
1 liter kerosene		75 lei

The approximate rates of exchange are:

650 lei - one dollar black market.
 153 lei - one dollar official rate.

6,300 lei - one French napoleon black market.
 980 lei - one French napoleon official rate.

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